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FROM:

Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT:

H.R. 3626, Establishing a National Commission

on Classified Information and Security

Clearance Procedures

REFERENCE:

OLL memo (OLL85-3426/1) dtd 8 Nov 85,

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- 1. The Office of Security believes that the Agency should strongly oppose H.R. 3626 because another review of security clearance and classified information standards and procedures is not needed. There are numerous Executive Orders, National Security Decision Directives, Interagency groups and committees, and Congressional committees which continually address the areas of concern.
- 2. The broad investigative and subpoena powers proposed for the Commission would surely conflict with the DCI's responsibility for protecting intelligence sources and methods.
- 3. The Commission's responsibility to recommend uniform standards for the issuance of security clearances could result in standards for the "least common denominator" which could have the effect of weakening the Agency's standards.

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